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SUBJECT: MBFR: TABLING OF RED DATA

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1. FONOFF MBFR DIRECTOR RUTH INFORMED US ON JAN. 7 THAT THE FRG ACCEPTED THE U.S. PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE THE TABLING OF RED DATA UNTIL REPEAT UNTIL IT BECAME NECESSARY TO DO SO. RUTH SAID HE FULLY AGREED THAT THE PRESENT DATA WERE SUFFICIENT TO START THE DISCUSSION, INDEPENDENTLY OF HAVING EXACT FIGURES FOR A WHILE. HOWEVER, RUTH CONTINUED, THE FRG FELT THE POINT FOR TABLING RED DATA IN VIENNA WILL COME SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. HE STRESSED THAT THE WEST MUST BE PREPARED WHEN THAT POINT WAS REACHED.

2. RUTH SAID THE FRG BELIEVED THERE WERE AT LEAST THREE

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SUCH POINTS WHEN THE WEST SHOULD TABLE RED DATA. THESE WERE:

- (1) IF THE EAST USED THE OESER ARGUMENT AGAIN RE LATEST WESTERN DATA SHOWED AN INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF ALLIED FORCES;

(2) IF THE EAST USED THE NON-TABLING OF RED DATA AS AN INDICATION OF ALLIED UNCERTAINTY ON ESTIMATES OF THEIR FORCES; AND

(3) IF THE EAST TRIED TO PRESENT THE NON-TABLING AS WESTERN CONSENT TO THEIR FIGURES, I.E., 805,000 GROUND FORCES.

3. RUTH FORESAW THE IMMEDIATE TASKS FOR THE ALLIANCE AS BEING TO AGREE: (A) TO USE THE DATA AT THE TACTICALLY OPPORTUNE MOMENT, (B) TO FINALIZE THE RED DATA, AND (C) TO DETERMINE WHO SHOULD GIVE THE GREEN LIGHT FOR THEIR USE.

4. RUTH SAID THE FRG PREFERRED THE AHG TO POSSESS THE FIGURES AND TO DECIDE UPON THE TACTICALLY APPROPRIATE MOMENT FOR THEIR USE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE AHG DID NOT OPERATE IN A VACUUM, AND THAT IT REGULARLY RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS. WE INDICATED TO RUTH AT THIS POINT THAT IMPLICIT IN THE U.S. POSITION WAS THE PREFERENCE TO HAVE CAPITALS DECIDE WHEN TO ACT.

5. RUTH THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE A KEY QUESTION TO TALK ABOUT IN BRUSSELS. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO INSTRUCT THE FRG NATO MISSION REP TO USE THE ARGUMENTS GIVEN ABOVE, EXCEPT FOR EXPRESSING FRG PREFERENCE WHERE THE GREEN LIGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN. HOWEVER, IF A COMMENT ON THE SUBJECT WERE REQUIRED, THEN THE REP
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WOULD EXPRESS A PREFERENCE FOR LEAVING THE DECISION UP TO THE AHG.

6. RUTH CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF NATO COMPLETING ITS WORK ON FINALIZING RED DATA.
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